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The mission of the Idaho State Department of Education's Driver Education Program is to provide leadership and support to school districts and commercial driving schools to ensure safe, efficient, quality traffic safety education and training is available and provided to all Idaho's eligible students.



Kelly's Korner **News from Your Driver Ed Staff**

Transitions are always bumpy. I hope everyone can be patient as the Driver Education program continues to transition. With me being new to this position, Mary Helen leaving, and Meccenzie going back to school, we are working to stay caught up the best we can. We hope to have a permanent administrative assistant by the first of February.

The need for teacher input in this newsletter is a priority. I want to hear how things are going in your districts and schools. Sharing ideas of what works, how you do something, how you have used the tools provided to you by the SDE is important. Without the feedback on how the "model cars", "steering wheels", even "Practice Guides" are being used it is difficult to make improvements. I truly look forward to hearing from you, the teachers.

Department Says Good-Bye to Mary Helen

After five years with the State Department of Education, Driver Education Division, Mary Helen has taken a new position outside the department.



Mary Helen kept things very organized and will be missed around here. We wish her all the best in her move back into teaching.



UPDATES

Effective January 1, 2006

Idaho Statute

49-1305. IMMEDIATE NOTICE OF ACCIDENTS. (1) The driver of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of any person, or damage to the property of any one (1) person in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) shall immediately, by the quickest means of communication, give notice of the accident to the local police department if the accident occurs within a city, otherwise to the office of the county sheriff or the nearest office of the state police.

(2) Whenever the driver of a vehicle is physically incapable of giving immediate notice of an accident as required herein, and there was another occupant in the vehicle at the time of the accident capable of doing so, the occupant shall give or cause to be given the notice not given by the driver.



Temp Helps Out Department

Hello everyone, my Name is Meccenzie Williams. I've been a new face around here for the last couple of months. As Mary Helen has taken a teaching job, I was called in to fill in the Driver Ed Admin 1 position. With the last couple of months of training under my belt, I am finally adjusting. With the opportunity to further my education, I left the Department of Ed in January and headed to BYU-Idaho. I'm excited for the opportunity to get to work with you, and look forward to coming back here later this year.



CORRECTIONS:

2006 Spring Workshops For Driver Education and Training



In an effort to become better acquainted with everyone, and hear directly from those in the classrooms and driver education cars, regional workshops have been scheduled again this year.

The dates are set for the following locations:

Nampa	March 21-21	Hampton Inn (Idaho Center)	442-0036
Idaho Falls	April 10-11	Shilo Convention Ctr	523-0088
Pocatello	April 13-14	Ameritel Inn	234-7500
Boise	April 17-18	Best Western Inn	336-8100
Boise	April 19-20	(Airport)	
Twin Falls	April 26-27	Ameritel Inn	736-8000
Coeur d'Alene	May 8-9	Best Western CdA	765-3200
Lewiston	May 11-12	Red Lion Hotel	748-1033

Hotel rooms have been blocked for those who live at least 50 miles away from the workshop site. You will need to make your own reservations by calling the phone number of the hotel providing guest rooms.

Be prepared to spend most of the time working in small groups. When the workshops are completed everyone will have participated in developing the content, the performance rubrics, and questions for the final module of the curriculum guide.

What to bring with you:

- Curriculum guide
- Classroom and behind the wheel lessons
- Currently used final classroom tests
- Currently used behind the wheel tests and rubrics
- Laptop (if you have one)

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL REQUESTED
INFORMATION

Instructor _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone # () _____

Work Phone # () _____

Fax # _____

E-Mail _____

School _____ District

Check the days you will be joining us for lunch

Day one _____ Day two _____

Check if Lodging is needed _____

I live _____ miles from the workshop location in my area.

Please check one.

Professional development hours will be recorded for:

_____ Public School Prof Dev hours

_____ Commercial Driving School Pro Dev hours

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STUDENT LISTS

Student lists are very important documents that track students enrolled in drivers education, and their progress through the driver education course. Each teacher in both public and commercial schools is required to submit their Student List to the local driver licensing office within three (3) days of when the students complete the course.

We would like to reiterate the importance of getting the Student List to the driver licensing office within those three (3) days.

Timing is important because the four months of supervising practice does not start until driver licensing enters the completion dates onto the student's driving record.



Public and Commercial Schools: Copy final list to local drivers licensing agency within 3 business days after the students complete the course. **If you are faxing the Student List, consider calling the driver licensing office to ensure they received the Student List.**

Students with incompletes should not be included on the list sent to driver licensing. Only students who pass or fail should be on the list submitted to driver licensing.

Return failed student's permits to drivers licensing within 3 business days after the student fails.

Student Lists only need to be submitted to one driver license office, regardless of where the students purchased their permits. This is according to Jeanne Purcell, ITD, Driver Licensing.

Public schools only!: Copy initial Student List to the SDE within 10 days of when the class BEGINS.

Copy of the final Student List to SDE along with *Claim for Reimbursement* within 45 days of class/course completion (§33-1706).

PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT LIST FOR DRIVER EDUCATION

Student Name		Class Start Date		Scheduled Class End Date	
Last, First, Middle		MM/DD/YY	MM/DD/YY	MM/DD/YY	MM/DD/YY
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					
16					

This student list is a true and correct record of my knowledge and belief.

• Copy final list to local driver licensing agency within 3 business days after the students complete the course.

• Return failed permits to driver licensing within 3 business days after the student fails.

• Copy final list to the State Department of Education within 10 days after the course ends. (File 334-5464)

• Copy final list to ITD with Claim for Reimbursement.



The Student List Story

Dexter entered Mr. Biggs's driver ed class on December 1. As required by the public schools, Mr. Biggs turned Dexter's name in on the Student List to the SDE within 10 days on December 9. Since he faxed the list, he called the SDE to make sure it was received.

Dexter went duck hunting with his friends and fell on the ice and broke his leg. Since Dexter was in a cast, he could not drive. He had completed 10 hours of classroom and 1 1/2 hours of driving.

Mr. Bigg's last classroom day was January 15. All students except Dexter had at least 30 hours of classroom, at least 6 hours of BTW and observation recorded on the Student List. Mr. Biggs faxed his student list to the Driver License office on Jan 18 (within 3 days of class completion) This list did not have Dexter's name on it. The Student List submitted to the SDE 45 days later with the reimbursement had Dexter's name on it with only the hours Dexter completed on the student list.



The next class (Jan. 20) Dexter was out of the cast, and he completed his driver ed course. When Mr. Biggs turned in the Student List to Drive Licensing for this class, Dexter's name was on the list showing 30 hours classroom, 6 hours BTW and observation. Dexter's name was entered so his SIP was activated and he began his 4 months of supervised driving.

The Jan. 20 class lists submitted to the SDE had Dexter's name on the list showing he transferred in, completed the class with 20 hours of classroom, 4 1/2 hours BTW, and his observation time, and that he passed. Mr. Biggs attached a note and copy of the Student List from the Dec 1 class to show the transferred in hours for Dexter.

The district was reimbursed. The SDE and driver licensing were not confused, and Dexter became a safe, violation free driver.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Improving the Safety of Older-Child Passengers



A Progress Report on Reducing Deaths and Injuries Among 4- to 8-Year-Old Child Passengers had just been released by NHTSA last month. In Idaho from 2002-2004, there were 7 children ages 4-8 riding in vehicles that died in traffic crashes. Of these, only 1 was properly restrained. Of the 65 children ages 4-8 riding in vehicles, 53% were in a seat belt or child safety seat (booster seat). Our new child safety seat law, which is primary, applies to children up to 7 years of age. This law should help parents and caregivers to do a better job of restraining children.



You can download it at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childps/BoosterSeatProgress/>. This document will be updated and is not available in print form except from this site.



Improving the Belt Use for Teens

Below is the website for a new report from NHTSA about programs that have proven effective at increasing belt use by teens. In Idaho, from 2002-2004, there were 91 teen motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes. Of these, only 32% were properly restrained. Of the 781 seriously injured in traffic crashes, just half were properly restrained. For this problem, we have our seat belt law that includes \$41.50 for court costs for under 18 year old drivers who have anyone under 18 years of age that is unbelted in the vehicle. Their total fine is \$51.50.

You can download the report at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/NewDriver/TeenBeltUse.pdf>

New Video Library Available Through BSU

There is now a video library available to the public through BSU. Visit this website for more info. <http://hs.boisestate.edu/radar/materials/videos.htm>



90,791 PRACTICE GUIDES and COUNTING:



Since 2001 the SDE/DED has been providing Supervising Practice Guides to driver education and training classes in Idaho. During that time, the SDE/DED has distributed 90,791 practice guides to public and commercial driver education classes at a cost of about \$0.22 each.

We have tried to make getting these guides easy for instructors to obtain. We send the order form out with annual renewal packets, and keep the order form on the SDE/DED webpage:

<http://www.sde.state.id.us/driveder/teacherresources.asp> under teacher resources.

Here are a few reminders on our policies:

- Please **allow 30 days** in advance for your orders to be filled.
- With this system, we are able to estimate how many guides we need for two to three months in advanced; allowing us to keep our shelves stocked.
- Please realize when orders are requested without 30 days advance notice, they may not be filled due to pre-orders and the
- quantity on hand.
- We prepare the orders the third week of each month and send them out the fourth week to ensure their delivery by the beginning of each month.
- To help us out, if you are willing to pick up your guides, please indicate on the order form. However, we still need **30 days advanced** notice and need the pick up done by the end of each month.
- If you run out of practice guides and need them at a different time other than our regular mailing time we will do our best to get you the guides, but it depends on our supply.

Thank you for your patients.

1st ANNUAL REGIONAL COMMERCIAL DRIVING SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Eiguren Driving School and the State Department of Education held the first of what will become an annual workshop for driver education instructors in Boise, January 14, 2006, from 9:00- 5:00. Those participating were eligible for up to 8 hours of professional development hours, towards the 15 hours of professional development now required every two years.

Participants from Eiguren Driving School, Hatch's Driver Trainer, Treasure Valley Driving School, ABI Driving School, Cavener Driving School, and Ryals Driver Education attended the workshop.

Round table discussions were held over the following topics:

Lane changes/Signaling

Signage/Intersections/Locations

Scheduling Routes

Classroom Discipline

Classroom Knowledge/In-car issues

Paper Work/Record Keeping



Questions that provoked some thoughts and hopefully additions to some programs were:

What do instructors do if in an accident? Does the school keep an outline of procedures in the vehicle?

Do teachers model proper cell phone use? Do parents get information on how to monitor their student's use of the cell phone while driving?

During lunch participants watched "Drivability" and afterward, Greg Wood from Treasure Valley Driving School won the raffle for this video.

If others are interested in using this video, it can be borrowed from the SDE video loan library.

Schools can also purchase the video by contacting:

<http://www.drivability.ca/Pages/gifts.html>

Or write and enclose your personal check or credit card number and expire date.

DrivAbility Gift Certificate

16 Penrose Road,

Toronto, ON

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Canada

Eiguren Driving School and the SDE hope to make this an annual event for the Region 3 driver education instructors. The next workshop is scheduled for January 13, 2007, the second Saturday in January. This annual workshop will provide teachers another opportunity to obtain their professional development hours.

Other schools (both public and commercial) wishing to provide workshop opportunities in cooperation with the SDE should contact the SDE at 208-332-6850 or Kelly at 208-332-6984 or by e-mail at kdglenn@sde.idaho.gov

FREE STUFF FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

USAA Educational Foundation

During the workshops, four modules from USAA Educational Foundation were handed out. (Since our van was so full, some teachers were unable to get all four modules due to lack of space.) If you are interested in obtaining one or all four of these free modules visit USAA Educational Foundations at:

<http://www.usaaedfoundation.org/DSAP.htm>

Or Call:

1-800-531-8159

Module 1: Impaired Driving

Module 2: Driving During Emergency Conditions

Module 3: Distracted and Drowsy Driving

Module 4: Aggressive Driving

Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

Status Report:



<http://www.hwysafety.org/sr.htm>

The Institute's newsletter is published 10 times per year and is available on their web page in PDF format.

Back issues are also available on their web page.

Idaho Office of Highway Safety

Order highway safety materials on the form off the web site below. If you have questions, please call (208) 334-8118. Highway safety materials are available at no charge. Orders will be filled in the quantities requested while supplies are available.

<http://itd.idaho.gov/ohs/EdMat.htm>

Free Computer Driver Education Games:

For those with computers in the classroom, some fun web sites for your students:

Practice Driving on:

<http://www.addictinggames.com/driversed.html>

Office of Highway Safety Web site for teens.

<http://www.xtr4.com/index.html>

National Driving Behavior Institute

Learn reference points by visiting:

<http://www.nidb.org/testyourself.html>

Idaho Teacher's Corner

This page is for you, the teachers of Idaho.

E-mails, letters, concerns, comments, etc. I would like to consider having a letter to the editor/department here. You can send it by mail anonymously if you wish.

Also to be included in this section would be "pull-out" materials, new PEPs, things that can be added to your resources from other teachers.

I would also like to add pictures of teachers out in the field doing what you do so well. (There are about 9 of you now with digital cameras. Hint, Hint)

So when I get something from you for the next issue, you will find your very own page (or more would be great.)



MESSAGE FROM A TEEN ON PEPs

One of the tasks that Meccenzie did while she was here was look at the PEPs (Physical Equivalent Practices). Her task was to look at some of the activities and determine from a teen's point of view, how do these activities come across.

Here are some of Meccenzie's suggestions:

Worth doing:
#18 *The Grim Reaper*— "This is serious. Kids need this every once in awhile."

#21 *Signo*— "this could be fun for practicing for a test"

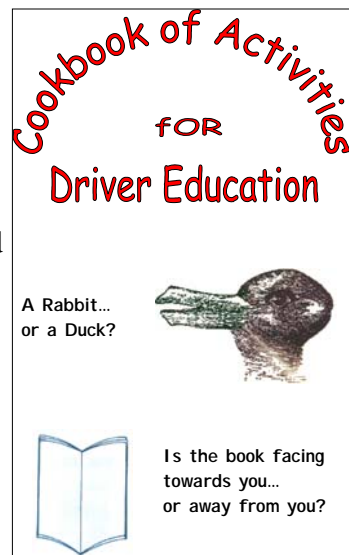
#25 *Don't Be An Egghead*— "this is perfect. Kids like action activities"

#33 *Big Turn, Little Turn*— "Great, gets students out of the classroom for activity."

#36 *Let's Demonstrate*— "Great. Add participation"

#37 *Stringing Along*— "I like it"

Ask your students to evaluate activities you are doing. Let us know which ones work and which ones don't work as well. If your students come up with some fun activities, share them by submitting them to Centerline.





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